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For:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING FINE-GRAINED TRANSFORMS

DURING PLACEMENT SYNTHESIS INTERACTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2005 An Request for Continued Examination responsive to the outstanding Office Action are being filed simultaneously herewith.

The One-Month Extension fee of \$120.00 is included in the total fee for filing the R.C.E. for the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$910.00 in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

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